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CATTLE AND BISON

Attention! Import regulations have changed for Montana as of September 3, 2008, and for Minnesota as of April 9, 2008. See changes below.

Please note [new TB testing requirements for California and New Mexico cattle and bison](#).

In general, cattle entering Wisconsin need:

- Certificates of veterinary inspection
- Official identification
- Import permits if coming from Michigan and Minnesota or from a state with vesicular stomatitis
- Proof that they meet brucellosis, tuberculosis and vesicular stomatitis requirements

Read further for details and exemptions.

Exemptions from import requirements

- Cattle and bison going directly to slaughter are exempt from requirements.
- Steers and veal calves do not need individual identification if they are from accredited TB-free states.
- Cattle from Canada that meet the health requirements for entry into the United States can enter Wisconsin without additional testing. For additional federal requirements for cattle entering from Canada, please call 608-270-4000

Vesicular stomatitis requirements

If you are importing cattle from states that currently have premises quarantined for vesicular stomatitis in any species, you need an import permit. Call 608-224-4872 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Central Time to request a permit or request a permit [online](#). In addition, the accompanying certificate of veterinary inspection must include statements that:

- The certifying veterinarian has examined the animals and found them free of evidence of vesicular stomatitis.
- During the 30 days before shipping, the animals haven't been within 10 miles of any premises where vesicular stomatitis had been diagnosed within 60 days. The 60 days are counted back from the date that the animals were on the premises within 10 miles of the disease, not from the shipping date.
- They were not exposed to any animal that was vaccinated for vesicular stomatitis within the last



30 days, no matter what kind of vaccine it was.

Brucellosis requirements

Exemptions Sexually intact domestic cattle and bison from brucellosis-free states or certified brucellosis-free herds are exempt from brucellosis testing.

Certified brucellosis-free herds For animals from these herds, the certificate of veterinary inspection must include the herd number and last test date.

Attention! As of September 3, 2008, Montana's cattle and bison import requirements are as follows:

Montana All sexually-intact cattle and bison from Montana need a negative brucellosis test within 30 days of shipment for all non-vaccinates 6 months of age and older and all calfhood vaccinates 20 months of age or older.

Please note: Brucellosis reactors may NOT be imported into Wisconsin for any purpose without a written permit from the department.

Tuberculosis requirements

Exemptions Cattle and bison are exempt from TB testing if they are:

- From tuberculosis accredited-free states that do not require Wisconsin animals to be tested to enter their borders.
- From accredited herds (except herds in Michigan). The certificate of veterinary inspection must include the herd number and last test date.
- Cattle moving directly to an approved feed lot from all states other than Michigan. Cattle from California, Minnesota, and New Mexico do not need TB tests if they are going directly to an approved feed lot or directly to slaughter, but do need official identification.

Attention! As of April 9th, 2008, Minnesota's cattle and bison import requirements are as follows:

Michigan and Minnesota All cattle and bison from Michigan and Minnesota need an import permit. Call 608-224-4872 weekdays between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Central Time to request a permit or request a permit [online](#).

- All cattle and bison from Michigan and Minnesota must originate from a herd that has had a negative whole-herd TB test in the last 12 months.
- The date of the whole-herd test must be on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- If the whole-herd test was more than 60 days before the import date, every individual animal imported must have had a negative TB test in the 60 days before import.
- If an individual animal was not part of the whole-herd test, it needs a negative TB test in the 60 days before import.
- All cattle and bison entering Wisconsin from Michigan and Minnesota will be quarantined on arrival and require a TB test between 60 and 90 days after arrival.
- The veterinarian issuing the certificate of veterinary inspection must fax a copy immediately to 608-224-4871.

California and New Mexico Cattle and bison from California and New Mexico do not need an import permit. They do require a negative TB test in the 60 days before shipment, unless they originate from an accredited TB-free herd.

Arizona and Connecticut Sexually intact dairy cattle (and also beef cattle in Connecticut) of any age require a negative TB test in the 60 days before shipment.

Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon and Texas Sexually intact dairy cattle 2 months or older require a negative TB test in the 60 days before shipment.

Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming Sexually intact dairy cattle 6 months or older require a negative TB test in the 60 days before shipment.

Pennsylvania Sexually intact dairy and beef cattle 15 months or older require a negative TB test in 60 days before shipment.

West Virginia Sexually intact dairy and beef cattle 18 months or older require a negative TB test in the 60 days before shipment.

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